Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 201-033]

Petersburg Municipal Power & Light; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Application Type: Non-capacity Amendment of License

b. Project No: 201-033

c. Date Filed: July 11, 2022

d. Applicant: Petersburg Municipal Power & Light

e. Name of Project: Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project

f. Location: The project is located on Crystal Creek in Petersburg, Alaska

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r

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j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: December 1, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D.

Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-201-033. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. Description of Request: The licensee proposes to replace and refurbish project equipment which would require an amendment to the license to update the project description (Exhibit A), Exhibit F drawings, and the Article 404 Flow Continuation Plan to reflect the proposed project modifications and describe the method for delivering water to the Crystal Lake Hatchery during an extended project outage. The licensee proposes to replace generating equipment (Unit 3) and to decommission Units 1 and 2. The project currently consists of two powerhouses containing generating units with rated capacities of 1,600 kilowatts (kW) and 400 kW. The upgraded project generating equipment would consist of a new turbine generator with a rated capacity of 1,822 kW and the generating unit would be housed in a single powerhouse (Unit 3). The second powerhouse and its generating equipment (Unit 1 and 2) would be decommissioned. The applicant states the major generating equipment (turbine, generator, and governor) is reaching the end of its service life and needs replacement. Additionally, the penstock leading to the primary powerhouse that would be used to house the upgraded generating equipment requires repairs to provide extended service life. The proposed changes to the generating equipment would result in an increase in the maximum hydraulic capacity of less than 15 percent and an increase in name-plate capacity of less than 2 megawatts.
- l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.
- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: November 1, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Deputy Secretary.

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